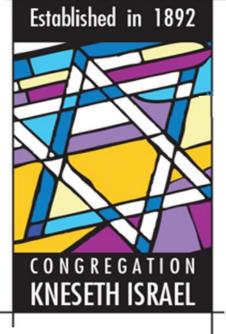
# February 2024

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#### From the Rabbi's Study

of Congregation Kneseth Israel

It's February. It is also Adar. Be happy! It's Adar. Joy, as I

The Voice

write this, may seem very far away. But celebrate we must. We survived. (Most of us.) We're still here. That is the message of Purim. Purim is coming, but because of our modified lunar calendar and the addition of an extra month, Purim is in March. It is an early spring holiday celebrating our very survival.

February is often set aside as Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) and also National Black (African American)

#### History Month. What does this have to do with CKI, you wonder? CKI is built on four pillars of our vision statement, the last one is embracing diversity.

I talk about our diversity a lot. We have members who were born in 17 countries. We have 30 communities and 11 school districts. We have newborn babies to someone who will be 102 this year. We have singles, couples, families. We have people who are more observant, and we have people who were raised secular. We

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#### **President's Message**

I was racking my brain trying to think of what to write about this month. I've

already told you more than once that I truly dislike winter (for many reasons), but I know that there are many who don't share my feelings. I decided that it is all perspective, it's all about a way of thinking about and understanding something. One person looks outside and sees a heavy snowfall and is taken by the beauty of the pristine surroundings. Another person looks out and is filled with dread and anxiety about having to navigate slippery pavements with limited visibility. It's based on their experiences. My pondering then expanded to recall sayings that I grew up with: my mom's, "There are three sides to every story," my grandfather's, "If everyone stood in a room and threw their troubles in the air, in the end they would just collect their own," and lastly from my dad when I pouted that my feet were too small for "big girl shoes," "I cried because I had no shoes, until I saw a man with no feet."

Even as a small child my parents and grandparents tried to teach me to look at things from different perspectives

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**RABBI MARGARET FRISCH KLEIN** 

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#### From the Rabbi's Study...

have atheists, agnostics, and full believers.

We have students with special needs and adults who have intellectual disabilities. We have people who have mobility issues, those who cannot hear, and those who cannot see well. We have people all over the socio-economic and educational levels. And we have Jews of Color. All of this is about embracing diversity.

The Steinhardt Social Research Institute's American Jewish Population Project reports that 11% of Jews in the United States are Jews of Color. Jews of Color may identify as Black, Latino/a, Asian-American, or of mixed heritage, such as biracial or multi-racial or mixed race. Mizrachi and Sephardi Jews from North African and Arab lands vary as to whether or not they self-identify as Jews of Color.

Why is this important? Because the nature of Judaism is fundamentally changing. We are not just a shtetl,

and that includes CKI. What it means is that actually CKI is a trendsetter. What it means is that we are just as likely to have bimuelos and sufganiyot for Chanukah as latkes with apple sauce or sour cream. But welcoming Jews of Color is more than including a variety of different foods. It is about meeting people where they are, by learning about and embracing different traditions and customs. Not just food.

One of the most impactful books I read last year was KosherSoul by Michael Twitty about the intersectionality of being black and Jewish. With lots of great recipes in the back for every Jewish occasion. Another book worth reading this month, or anytime, is The Color of Love: The Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl by Marra B. Gad. The comments that both Twitty and Gad had to endure should give us all pause.

If you are looking for more information on Jews of Color, this

#### website is particularly useful: <u>https://</u> www.heyalma.com/

This is true as well for Jews who have various disabilities. We cater to many kinds at CKI. We have disabled parking, never quite enough, which is why I frequently park at the funeral home, freeing up one more space. We have one bathroom that is fully accessible. We have a first floor that is mostly accessible, except for the bimah itself. We can bring a Torah down low, so anyone can have an Aliyah. We have a sensory-friendly room. We have maintained our Zoom presence for anyone who cannot drive, get out and about, or has additional mobility or hearing issues, or lives out of town. We have at least four individuals with intellectual disabilities. Our wonderful educator specializes in working with exceptional learners. But I want to challenge you-what else do we need to make CKI warm and welcoming for all, as we continue to embrace diversity.

-Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein



## Say Hello!

Welcome to the new HaKol feature, *Say Hello*! Each month we will highlight new members to our congregation. Please use this to meet, greet, and include some of our newest congregants to CKI activities.

**Shira Coffee** has been searching for a Jewish home for many years. After studying Hebrew in Israel and

Bible and Talmud at Sports College in the 70's and 80's, she drifted away into family life and work. This included computer consulting and wildlife rehab. She became (and remains) a practicing Buddhist, but never abandoned her love of Jewish customs and text-critical Torah study.

CKI provided her with a Jewish environment with a "good community" and outreach programs, such as our blood drives. Shira is a member of the CKI choir. She is in the process, along with our choir director, Stew Levin, of reworking our music to make it easier to use.

Shira Coffee can be contacted at <u>shiracoffee@gmail.com</u> or call her at 708-560-5370. If you see Shira ,"Say hello!"



To reach Rabbi Margaret, please call her cell number after 8:00 am, except on Mondays or Shabbat: 978-590-8268.

In case of emergency (hospitalization or death) please call, leave a message, and Rabbi will get back to you promptly.

If there is an illness in the family or the loss of a loved one, call CKI @ 847-741-5656 so that your CKI family can reach out and be of help.

#### **CKI BOARD MEMBERS**

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To contact, call CKI at 847-741-5656

#### President's Message Cont.

and to be happy with what I had been blessed. I guess if more people looked at things from someone else's perspective, the world might be a more peaceful place. I realize that sometimes I forget the teachings of my forebears, so when you find me failing to look at something from another perspective, please remind me.

I know that I can never wish you too many times good health and well-being, kindness, and an abundance of things to be joyful about..

-Robin Coyne

## **Roth Scholarship**

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High School Seniors of CKI members in good standing are invited to apply for the Jerome and Lillian Roth Scholarship. This award is made annually to a student wishing to attend post high school educational programs - including college, university, and professional or technical programs. Applications can be obtained from the CKI Office or from Maureen Manning. Deadline for submission of all materials is NOON ON APRIL 15. The winner will be announced at our Congregation Meeting in May. For more information, please contact Maureen .



February 6th @ 9:00 am

Check your email or contact Rabbi Margaret at <u>rabbi@ckielgin.org</u> for more information.

## **CKI Office Hours**

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The CKI building is OPEN and Peg is in the office. To reach the office, call 847-741-5656 during office hours, Monday—Friday: 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER When writing a check, make it payable to Congregation Kneseth Israel, NOT CKI. Please note what the money

> is intended for. Thank you!

# CKI Book Club Schedule 2023—2024

Date	Book	Author	Time
July 18 (Tues.)	The Observant Wife	Naomi Ragen	10:30 am
August 15 (Tues.)	On Division	Goldie Goldbloom	10:30 am
October 17 (Tues.)	The Prison Minyan	Jonathan Stone	10:30 am
Nov. 21 (Tues.) at Gail Borden	Mr. Perfect on Paper	Gene Meltzer	10:30 am
December 19 (Tues.)	Bookish People	Susan Coll	10:30 am
January 16 (Tues.)	Dreamers of the Day	Mary Doria Russell	10:30 am
February 20 (Tues.)	The Three Muses	Martha Anne Toll	10:30 am
March 19 (Tues.)	Ten Year Gone	Jonathan Dunsky	10:30 am
April 16 (Tues.)	If All the Sea Were Ink	llana Kurshan	10:30 am
May 21 (Tues.)	Kantika	Elizabeth Graver	10:30 am
June 11 (Tues.)	Taking Miracles Seriously	Michael Zedek	10:30 am

# **Generous Donations**

# **GENERAL FUND**

- Donations
- Douglas Bakley
- Donations for CKI Security
- Reverend Rick Carlson

#### To my friends at CKI, with prayers for your peace & well being

Wendy & Dan McFadden

#### In memory of Philip Pomerance

• Harvey & Ann Tettlebaum

#### In memory of Jeff Hymer, Hillary Schneider's husband

- Jana & Bill McFarlane
- Sandi & Kevin Phelan

# To Nina Finn & her family, in memory of Joel Bobrow

• Jana & Bill McFarlane

#### Giving Tuesday Fundraiser Donor

 Rachel & Michael Bloomberg

#### In memory of Grandpa Harry & Grandma Lizzie Richberg

• Jana & Bill McFarlane

#### **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Arlene Schneider, Jeff Hymer, & Arye Rubenstein • Perry & Wanda Pitzele

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#### In memory of Charlene Goldman

• Robin & Kim Moseley Thanks for Rabbi's guidance leading to my conversion

Glorilee Harper

# CLARA WECHTER ED

In memory of my mother, Laurie Winner

Steven Winner



# **Special Funds**

The following funds are available to receive your generous donations:

- Clara Wechter Education Fund Supports Torah School and Adult Ed
- General Fund For multi-purpose use
- Jerome & Lillian Roth Scholarship Fund See the President.
- Building Security Fund EPD security for special CKI events
- Memorial Plaques \$300
- CKI Youth Fund Supports programs for our synagogue youth
- **Prayer Book Fund** Siddur is \$36; Chumash is \$60
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Needs decided by Rabbi
- Seltzer Music & Cultural Arts Endowment Fund Jewish cultural enrichment programs
- Simon C. & Ruth L. Kaplan Torah Fund Repair of Torah scrolls
- Sisterhood Supports women's group's various projects
- Blossom Wohl Flower Fund Pulpit flowers
- Sisterhood Vision Fund Large-type Siddur is \$50
- Tree of Life Leaf \$125; Dove \$500; Rock \$1,250
- Major Gifts \$5,000 and up. See the President

Parashat HaShavu'a: Weekly Torah Portions		February Birthdays	
		Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein	Feb 1
eb 3	Parashat Yitro—	Richard Kruth	Feb 3
l Shevat	Exodus 18:1-20:22	Sara Shankman	Feb 3
	Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-13	Helen Lindow	Feb 4
		Lucy Marshall	Feb 4
	Parashat Mishpatim	Cindy Placko	Feb 5
	#1 Exodus 21:1-	Jason Garland	Feb 6
	24:18	Sarah Bender Miller	Feb 6
Feb 10	#2 Numbers 28: 9-15	Sarah Klein	Feb 8
1 Adar I	Special Haftarah—	Carolyn Ginder	Feb 9
	Rosh Hodesh	Ronald Razowsky	Feb 9
	Isaiah 66:1-24	Dick Johnson	Feb 10
		Harrison Hillman	Feb 14
	Parashat Terumah	Jessica Shankman	Feb 15
Feb 17	Exodus 25:1-27:19	Max Bromet	Feb 16
3 Adar I	Haftarah Kings 5:26	Laura Wolf	Feb 18
	-6:13	Kara Gauthier	Feb 19
		Miles Gomberg	Feb 20
	Parashat Tetsavveh	Elliot Pacanowski	Feb 22
	Exodus 27:20 –	Dennis Mariasis	Feb 23
Feb 24	30:10	Rochelle Tremmel	Feb 23
5 Adar I	Haftarah Ezekiel	Jeffrey Kohlhagen	Feb 24
	43:10-27	Ken More	Feb 26













#### Hadassah December Briefing: Psychological Impact of War

Hadassah is continuing its on-theground response to Israel's war with Hamas, including at the end of November, when three wounded patients were brought to Hadassah hospitals following a terror attack at a Jerusalem bus stop.

Seven additional patients were treated for severe psychological



trauma following the attack. "I think what happened this morning symbolizes the unique

period that

we are

dealing with right now," said Dr. Shiri Ben-David, chief psychologist at the Hadassah Medical Organization, during a live briefing on Thursday, November 30.

"In treating people suffering from trauma, one of the main issues we address is that the trauma is over and we are safe now. During this time, we are trying to deal with people suffering from trauma from previous weeks, but still are currently in war."

Dr. Ben-David told the stories of two patients she has treated since the war began.

One, a reserve soldier and father of three young children, was injured during combat in Gaza. While his physical condition stabilized fairly quickly, he was unable to explain his injuries and was overly irritable, crying day and night, having nightmares, and not sleeping or eating enough. "He felt a lot of blame for not going back and fighting with his friends," Dr. Ben-David said.

After meeting with him six days in a row, his symptoms began to dramatically improve. Dr. Ben-David is still seeing him twice a week.

Another patient, a man in his 20s, was at the Tribe of Nova music festival on October 7. He and his girlfriend fled upon hearing the first sounds of shots fired, leaving their other friends behind. Though they all ultimately survived, the guilt over his decision to leave them left him unable to return to daily life. Dr. Ben -David helped him process this traumatic event and how he made the best decision he could under the circumstances. "We are working on slowly getting him back to his normal activities," she said. two other teens. Hearing shouts of "Allahu Akbar" coming from outside, Mina and her friends made a decision that they would protect the younger children. They held a piece of wood to block the door and stood ready with pocket knives.

Fortunately, the group was rescued, but Mina is still feeling the effects of this traumatic experience. "We're very grateful that we have youth villages for kids because they would fall apart if they would not be able to come to us," Reich said.

In addition to the needs of current students and staff, alumni of the villages now serving in the IDF are reaching out for support.

"We are very privileged to have such a great staff in both youth villages," said Lapid Levi, chief

financial and

Hadassah Offices

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Psychological needs are also acute at Hadassah's two youth aliyah villages. "There is a lot of anxiety and a lot of emotional burden," said Einat Reich, chair of the board of Hadassah Neurim.

Like for Mina, 14, who was visiting a friend from the youth village near Sderot for the holiday on October 7 when she was forced to shelter with two mothers, six young children and October 7 added very heavy things in our suitcase."

Hadassah National President Rhoda Smolow thanked supporters for helping Israel to heal and allowing Hadassah to be on the ground, in peace and in war.

"Never in 50 years has Israel needed our support more than now," Smolow said. "You make an impact with your support. You make a difference."

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# Yahrzeits

We recall with loving memory those whose yahrzeits are commemorated during the coming weeks, and those whose names are read in the synagogue at Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services during February. It is appropriate for members of their families to be present when these names are read.

This Jewish leap year we have both Adar 1 and Adar 2. Adding a second Adar, however, makes people who have a yahrzeit during Adar confused. When should they say Kaddish? When should they light a candle? The truth is that there are several acceptable answers to that. Some say you say it in both Adar 1 and Adar 2. Some say you should say it only in Adar 1, and some say only in Adar 2 if the death was in a year that had an Adar 2. There is no absolute right or wrong way to do this. And how we mark yahrzeit dates at CKI may not line up 100% with a notice you receive from a funeral home. If you have questions about an Adar yahrzeit, please call the rabbi.

Name	Date Observed	Jewish Month	Date of Service	Name	Date Observed	Jewish Month	Date of Service
Ken Weiser	Feb 3	Shevat 24	Feb 2 & 3	Abraham Levin*	Feb 14	Adar-I 5	Feb 9 & 10
John Joseph Harrington	Feb 4	Shevat 25	Feb 2 & 3	Anna Rolnitzky Feb 14		Adar-I 5	Feb 9 & 10
Sara Mehr	Feb 4	Shevat 25	Feb 2 & 3	Joyce Bloomberg	Feb 16	Adar-I 7	Feb 9 & 10
Morris Agins	Feb 5	Shevat 26	Feb 2 & 3	Bernadine Rifken*	Feb 16	Adar-I 7	Feb 9 & 10
Sanford J. Zemel*	Feb 5	Shevat 26	Feb 2 & 3	Peter Rose	Feb 16	Adar-I 7	Feb 9 & 10
Frank Clemmer	Feb 6	Shevat 27	Feb 2 & 3	Ethel Bleicher*	Feb 18	Adar-I 9	Feb 16 & 17
Benjamin Garland	Feb 6	Shevat 27	Feb 2 & 3	Max Burstein*	Feb 18	Adar-I 9	Feb 16 & 17
Max Kahn	Feb 6	Shevat 27	Feb 2 & 3	Lorraine Silins*	Feb 18	Adar-I 9	Feb 16 & 17
Henry Schillmoeller	Feb 6	Shevat 27	Feb 2 & 3	Esther Goozh	Feb 19	Adar-I 10	Feb 16 & 17
Philip Sternfeld	Feb 6	Shevat 27	Feb 2 & 3	Michael Levin	Feb 19	Adar-I 10	Feb 16 & 17
Joseph Whalen	Feb 6	Shevat 27	Feb 2 & 3	Alan Miller	Feb 19	Adar-I 10	Feb 16 & 17
Suzanne Greenfield	Feb 7	Shevat 28	Feb 2 & 3	Ethel Rifken*	Feb 19	Adar-I 10	Feb 16 & 17
Ronald Raben	Feb 7	Shevat 28	Feb 2 & 3	Rachel Rifken*	Feb 20	Adar-I 11	Feb 16 & 17
Israel Hymovitz*	Feb 8	Shevat 29	Feb 2 & 3	Linda Schaffer	Linda Schaffer Feb 20		Feb 16 & 17
Faye Ginsberg Korn*	Feb 8	Shevat 29	Feb 2 & 3	Frederic Lorsch Feb 23		Adar-I 14	Feb 16 & 17
Joseph Fishman	Feb 9	Shevat 30	Feb 2 & 3	Norman Schack* Feb 23		Adar-I 14	Feb 16 & 17
Sheldon Franks*	Feb 9	Shevat 30	Feb 2 & 3	Frances Spitzer	rances Spitzer Feb 23		Feb 16 & 17
Marion Bromberg	Feb 10	Adar-I 1	Feb 9 & 10	Dorothy Kruth	Feb 24	Adar-I 15	Feb 23 & 24
Jerome Roth	Feb 10	Adar-I 1	Feb 9 & 10	Ethel Thomas	Feb 24	Adar-I 15	Feb 23 & 24
Lillian Nitzberg	Feb 11	Adar-I 2	Feb 9 & 10	Adele Epstein	Feb 26	Adar-I 17	Feb 23 & 24
Leonard Plotzker	Feb 11	Adar-I 2	Feb 9 & 10	Jennie Brown*	Feb 27	Adar-I 18	Feb 23 & 24
Philip Turek*	Feb 11	Adar-I 2	Feb 9 & 10	Kate Vopner Leibovitz*	Feb 28	Adar-I 19	Feb 23 & 24
Sylvia Zimmerman*	Feb 11	Adar-I 2	Feb 9 & 10	Albert Silins*	Feb 28	Adar-I 19	Feb 23 & 24
Barbara Sharf*	Feb 12	Adar-I 3	Feb 9 & 10	Esther Vopner*	Feb 28	Adar-I 19	Feb 23 & 24
Samuel David Lipofsky*	Feb 13	Adar-I 4	Feb 9 & 10	Gertrude Brown*	Mar 1	Adar-I 21	Feb 23 & 24
Sarah Burstein*	Feb 14	Adar-I 5	Feb 9 & 10	Jeannette Razowsky	Mar 1	Adar-I 21	Feb 23 & 24
Harriet Coyne	Feb 14	Adar-I 5	Feb 9 & 10	Laurie Winner	Mar 1	Adar-I 21	Feb 23 & 24
Harry Gordon	Feb 14	Adar-I 5	Feb 9 & 10				

There are two dates listed above on our *yahrzeit* list. The *first* is the actual date of the *yahrzeit*, and memorial candles should be lit on the preceding evening. The *second* are the days of the services at which the name is read. An *asterisk* after a name indicates that a plaque is affixed to the Memorial Tablet.

Kindle the Shabbat Candles		and HAVDALAH Candles		
Fri Feb 2	4: 50 pm	Sat Feb 3	6:00 pm	
Fri Feb 9	4: 59 pm	Sat Feb 10	6:09 pm	
Fri Feb 16	5:08 pm	Sat Feb 17	6:18 pm	
Fri Feb 23	5:17 pm	Sat Feb 24	6:27 pm	

NOTE: Shabbat ends 50 minutes after candle lighting time on Saturday nite

# **Ritually Speaking**

# **ASERET HADIBROT - TEN COMMANDMENTS**

On February 3 we will be reading Parashat Yitro which includes the Ten Commandments. I want to share a few observations that I have learned during my research on this topic.

- Aseret Hadibrot (popular translation Ten Commandments) actually means **Ten Pronouncements.** "Sayings and utterances" are other interpretations.
- 2. The event at Mount Sinai, with the people who left Egypt knowing only slavery, is referred to as **MATAN TORAH** the giving of the Torah.
- 3. The Ten Pronouncements were etched on two tablets of stone by G-d—five on each one.



- a. The first tablet is about relationships and obligations between G-d and human beings.
- b. The fifth commandment is "Honor your father and mother." WHY? I have always understood the reason is that a man and woman can create a human being, which is comparable to how G-d created the world in which we live.
- c. The second tablet relates to our interactions with our fellow human beings.
- 4. Chapter 20 in our Etz Chaim has 23 verses, and the Pronouncements are found in the first 14 verses. When they are publicly chanted, they are divided into exactly 10 verses with a special trope (tune).
- 5. The ten utterances are said three times during the year. They are recited in Exodus/Parashat Yitro, on Shavuot, and in Deuteronomy/Parashat Va-etchanan. The Deuteronomy recitation is a little longer than the other two, since Moses was sharing his role and adding explanations because that generation was not present at Mount Sinai.

Below are some interesting facts regarding the Ten Pronouncements.

- 6. There are 613 commandments in the Torah which include the ten sayings. I truly believe that if we human beings followed the ten—there would be harmony in the world.
- 7. There are 620 letters in the Ten Commandments. The 613 are obvious, and the other seven represent rabbinic mitzvot/additions.
- 8. The giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, I believe, is the only time that G-d communicated directly to the people by words, thunder, lightning, and then G-d's response to the golden calf. Can you imagine that there are different interpretations?
- 9. Honoring your father and mother is the only saying that has a reward promised with compliance, "...that you may long endure on the land..."

Now you can research and learn. I would love to read your insights.

Gene Lindow CKI Ritual Chair <u>cki.ritual@gmail.com</u>

# **Torah School**

Shalom!

I hope everyone is staying warm and dreaming of warmer, drier days ahead!

In Pirkei Avot, Chapter 1, verse 9, we read that, "Joshua ben Perahiah and Nittai the Arbelite received [the oral tradition] from them. Joshua ben Perahiah used to say: 'Appoint for thyself a teacher, and acquire for thyself a companion, and judge all men with the scale weighted in his favor.'"

What does this mean? How does it apply to us, as teachers, as a group of Jewish adults, and as individuals? How does this apply to people of all ages? We continue to learn from each other as the year progresses and each teacher leads a new part.

We had a great Family Pajama Shabbat on January 19th. There was a story about Tu B'Shevat, lighting candles, yummy challah, and a great breakfast-inspired Oneg.

The First Friday Family Shabbats continue. February 2nd and March 1 at 5:30 at CKI. Hope to see you there!

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat by hosting MCJC. There will be planting, tasting, and lots of learning!! Do you know the different groups of fruits we will taste? What is your favorite tree?

Sunday, February 18 there will be no Torah School.

Planning is underway for a Come Together Purim Celebration on Sunday, March 17th.

Stay Warm,

Heather



**Challah Baking** 







# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 • 7 PM CT / 8 PM ET ELGIN HISTORY MUSEUM, 360 PARK STREET, ELGIN, IL 60120



Guest Speaker Rebecca Hunter

# Register by Feb 6 • \$10 Event Fee www.events.hadassah.org/ElginKitHomes

Please join us for a virtual or in-person\* intriguing presentation on historical mail order kit homes. Rebecca Hunter, Architectural Historian and Kit Home Investigator/Documenter, will share her expertise and highlight Elgin, IL as a site for these homes. Q&A to follow. Tea and dessert will be served.

**Rebecca Hunter** is a recognized researcher, author, and lecturer. She specializes in mail order kits for homes and agricultural buildings, which were available to purchase from nine different companies between 1906 and 1982. To date, she has located and photodocumented over 300 houses in the city of Elgin while being involved with historic preservation and architectural salvage.

Please consider making a donation, which will help support Hadassah's Delivering Hope, 360 Degrees of Healing. Help Hadassah keep Israel's children alive and thriving during medical emergencies.



## Questions?

Hadassah Midwest midwest@hadassah.org 847.205.1900 or 248.683.5030

\*All attendees will be required to sign a Hadassah Event Participation Release to attend Hadassah in-person events. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

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# **The Soup Kettle Scoop**

Thank you to our January volunteers!

The Soup Kettle at the Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin is a safe, warm place for people to get dinner and visit. Donations, both food and money, are way down and need is way up. Volunteers are always needed to help cook, serve, and clean up from 3:30 to 7:00. We can work in shifts if we have enough volunteers.



Mark your calendar. Our next Soup Kettle date is April 30.

To volunteer, please contact Barb Razowsky: <u>barbrazowsky@ gmail.com</u> or Judi Tepe juditepe@gmail.com

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# ACTS OF CHESED

**Thank you** to those who have pitched in to make CKI warm and welcoming (and safe). Many times, things are done very quietly and anonymously, so if you did something that isn't acknowledged, please know that your deed was greatly appreciated—

**Anonymous** Whoever cleaned out all the expired food in our emergency food pantry and some other folks who restocked it.

Jennifer Trygar, Shira Coffee, Michael Bloomberg, Melissa Margason, Geoffrey Lindow, Jana McFarlane, Jessica Raben, Gene & Sandy Lindow, Melissa Lindow Ulman, Danielle Lindow, Elaine Steinberg, Maureen Manning, Eugene Klionsky, Sam Steinberg, Simon Klein, Arthur Shankman, Scott Fladland, Hillary Schneider, & Clare Ollayos for donating blood at the CKI Blood Drive.

Ellen Levy, Dick & Sue Johnson, and Gene & Sandy Lindow for managing the building during the CKI Blood Drive.

Josh Stober & Sarah Goldman for treats for PJ Shabbat.

Elaine & Larry Steinberg for a Kiddush in honor of Jenny Gilliana.

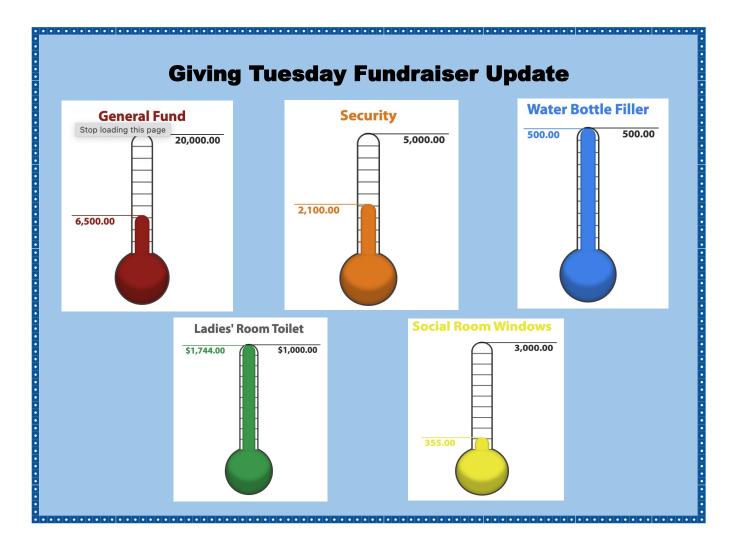
Robin Coyne for a Kiddush in honor of her grandparents and the end of the year.

Rabbi Margaret & Simon Klein for sponsoring a Kiddush.

Gene Lindow for draining and fixing the freezer in the kitchen.

Patrick Harper for installing our new bottle filler station.

Robin Coyne for providing the hydroponic garden growing station for Tu B'shevat.





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Diana Ortega-Ehreth & Centro Staff



## Deborah Arendt Receives Holocaust Remembrance Proclamation from Hanover Park





# proclamation

WHEREAS, This year, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we commemorate the 79th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkeneu; and

WHEREAS, January 27th is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS. The purpose of International Holocaust Remembrance Day is to serve as a date of official commemoration of the victims of the Nazi regime, and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, We the people of the Village of Hanover Park always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, This Remembrance Day has been set aside for the people of the Village of Hanover Park to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as reflect on the need for respect of all peoples: and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park do hereby proclaim January 27th as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as residents of the Village of Hanover Park should work to promote human dignity, and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Dated this 18th day of January 2024.

Rodney S. Craig

Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park

Menul Kristy Merrill Village Clerk





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# February 2024 Shabbat Services: Fridays @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays @ 9:30 AM

Feb 1	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Feb 13	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Feb 2	First Friday Family Shabbat Service	5:30 PM	Feb 13	CKI Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Feb 15	Ha Kol Submissions Due	
Feb 3	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	LED 12	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM
Feb 4	Torah School	9:00 AM	Feb 16	Shabbat Zimrah Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Feb 6	Java & Jews	9:00 AM	Feb 17	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM	Feb 18	No Torah School	
Feb 8	Torah Study Zoom	4:00 PM	Feb 20	CKI Book Club	10:30 AM
	Hadassah Program: Kit Houses	7:00 PM	160 20	Adult Intermediate Hebrew	5:30 PM
Feb 9	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM	Feb 23	Shabbat Services Hybrid	7:00 PM
Feb 10	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM	Feb 24	Shabbat Services Hybrid	9:30 AM
	Chai Babies Havdalah	4:00 PM	Feb 25	Torah School	9:00 AM
Feb 11	Torah School	9:00 AM			